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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES VIEW TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT AS THE
EXPLORATORY BEGINNING OF THE ONGOING PROCESS OF IMPLEMEN-
TING OUR RECENT NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. WHILE TECHNICAL TEAM
WILL BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS ALL ASPECTS OF AGREEMENT,
COMPLEXITIES OF ISSUES AND NEED FOR WASHINGTON REVIEW WILL
MEAN THAT MOST DECISIONS CANNOT BE MADE DURING TEAM'S
VISIT. NEVERTHELESS, TEAM HOPES TO (A) THOROUGHLY REVIEW
RECENT AGREEMENT WITH CAEC AND INER AND EXPLORE MODALITIES
FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, (B) CONSULT WITH ROC CONCERNING
NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS TO IAEA, (C) DISCUSS SPENT FUEL

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DISPOSITION AND SAFEGUARDING OF TRR AND RELATED FACILITIES,
(D) EXPLORE WITH INER RESEARCH PROGRAMS WHICH IT MIGHT
CONSTRUCTIVELY PURSUE AND (E) DISCUSS MODALITIES FOR RE-
TURN TO US OF ROC-HELD PLUTONIUM. IN LIGHT OF THESE
RELATIVELY MODEST OBJECTIVES, WE BELIEVE THAT 3-4 WORKING-
DAY VISIT WILL BE ADEQUATE.

2. HAVING HIT THE ROC HARD ON NON-PROLIFERATION IN RECENT MONTHS, WE HOPE THAT TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT WILL BE ABLE TO

EMPHASIZE THE CONSTRUCTIVE, COOPERATIVE SIDE OF OUR NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH ROC, THOUGH WITHOUT REDUCING OUR VIGILANCE ON NON-PROLIFERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, TEAM WILL WISH TO DEVOTE THE MAJORITY OF ITS TIME TO DISCUSSION WITH ROC OFFICIALS IN COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT. TEAM DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE INSPECTION EFFORT SIMILAR TO THAT DURING JANUARY VISIT. HOWEVER, TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS MAY ENTAIL BRIEF VISIT TO TRR, FUEL FABRICATION PLANT, PLUTONIUM LABORATORY AND HOT LABORATORY. SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE CONCERNING ROC IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT, TEAM WILL CONSULT WITH EMBASSY ON HOW TO BROACH THESE QUESTIONS WITH ROC. (FYI: WE SHARE YOUR VIEWS--REF C-- THAT WE SHOULD PLACE A SIMILAR COOPERATIVE CAST ON CAEC SEC GEN VICTOR CHENG'S MAY 19-20 VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO HIS REQUEST FOR SUPPLY OF 20 PERCENT ENRICHED FUEL FOR TSING HUA REACTOR.)

3. SCHEDULING: DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN THE TIMING OF KOREAN CONSULTATIONS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SHIFT DATES FOR TEAM VISIT SLIGHTLY. TEAM MEMBERS NOW PLAN TO ARRIVE IN TAIPEI BY TUESDAY, MAY 24 FOR WORKING SESSIONS WITH CHINESE ON MAY 25, 26, 27. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INFORMING CHINESE OF THIS CHANGE. VICTOR CHENG IS AWARE OF THESE NEW DATES, AND WE BELIEVE CHANGE WILL NOT PRESENT PROBLEM. ON ASSUMPTION DATES ACCEPTABLE, EMBASSY SHOULD SECRET

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SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING: (1) EMBASSY CONSULTATIONS (HELFRICH AND MENZEL ONLY) FOR AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, MAY 25, (2) BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON MOFA VICE MINISTER CHIEN AND MEETING WITH TAIPower OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY MORNING, AND (3) INITIAL SESSION WITH INER DIRECTOR CHIEN AND STAFF ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. IN GENERAL, TEAM PREFERS TO LEAVE INITIATIVE FOR ARRANGING SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WITH THE CHINESE. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING TEAM VISIT IN WASHINGTON WITH VICTOR CHENG WHO HAS TOLD US HE WILL BE RETURNING DIRECTLY TO TAIPEI TO COORDINATE VISIT. TEAM WISHES TO HAVE FINAL SESSION WITH EMBASSY FRIDAY AFTERNOON OR SATURDAY MORNING AND WILL WISH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC REPORT BEFORE DEPARTURE.

4. PARTICIPANTS: IN ADDITION TO HELFRICH, TEAM WILL INCLUDE JOERG MENZEL OF ACDA, RAY WYMER OF OAK RIDGE, AND RICHARD M. ADAMS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ERDA ARGONNE NATIONAL LABORATORY. (ARGONNE HAS SISTER LABORATORY RELATIONSHIP WITH INER.)

5. PRESS: WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE CHINESE OR AMERICAN PRESS INTEREST IN TEAM VISIT AND DO NOT WISH TO STIMULATE ANY.

SHOULD THERE BE ANY PRESS INQUIRIES, WE INTEND TO CHARACTERIZE VISIT AS A CONTINUATION OF ONGOING CONSULTATION ON NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS.

6. TRAVEL AND HOTELS: MENZEL PLANS TO ARRIVE TAIPEI ON SUNDAY, MAY 22; ADAMS WILL ARRIVE ON MONDAY; HELFRICH ON TUESDAY MORNING; AND WYMER ON TUESDAY EVENING. ALL WILL LEAVE TAIPEI BY SUNDAY, MAY 29. EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE SENT SUBSEQUENTLY. EMBASSY SHOULD RESERVE SINGLES AT PRESIDENT FOR NIGHTS EACH WILL SPEND IN TAIPEI. ON ASSUMPTION THAT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT INER, TEAM WISHES TO STAY AT SESAME HOTEL IN SHIHMEN ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS.

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(MENZEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TALKS IF MISSION WISHES ON MONDAY MAY 23 BUT OTHERWISE HAS NO SPECIFIC BUSINESS HE WISHES EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR HIM THAT DAY.) CHRISTOPHER

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